***The Great Gatsby* Chapter Questions**

You should answer these questions thoroughly, using evidence from the text to support your answers. Each of these questions requires one or more PARAGRAPHS (not sentences) to answer. I will be looking at these answers at part of your entrance criteria. Also, on the first day of class you will have an exam. You will be able to use these notes, so the better the notes, the easier the exam.

You are welcome to download this document, save it, and add your answers as you go. Before you send/share it with me, be sure to add your name to the BEGINNING of the title.

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**Pre-Reading**

1. Why are we still reading a book written in the 1920's? What gives a book its longevity?
2. What is the "American Dream"? Where did it originate, and how has it changed over the centuries? (answer this carefully---this is really important!)

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**Chapter 1**

1. Notice how many times Fitzgerald uses the words hope, or dream. Why does he do this?
2. Describe Nick. What facts do you know about him, and what do you infer about him? What kind of a narrator do you think he will be?

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**Chapter 2**

1. Describe the "valley of ashes." What does it look like and what does it represent?

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**Chapter 3**

1. Pay attention to Nick's judgments. What do they reveal about his character that he does this (especially in relation to his opening comments)?
2. Describe Gatsby the first time Nick sees him.

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**Chapter 4**

1. Nick says, "There are only the pursued, the pursuing, the busy and the tired." What does Nick mean? How does each character in the novel fit into this schema?

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**Chapter 5**

1. Describe the effect of rain on the plot.

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**Chapter 6**

1. When Nick told Gatsby that "you can't repeat the past", Gatsby replied, "Why of course you can!" Do you agree with Nick or Gatsby?

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**Chapter 7**

1. Who is Trimachio? Explain how this describes Gatsby.
2. At this point, how would you end the novel? (Be sure your ending is justifiable in relation to the plot and symbolism so far)

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**Chapter 8**

1. How are seasons used in constructing this novel?
2. How does T. J. Eckleberg affect Mr. Wilson?

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**Chapter 9**

1. Why does Nick call Tom and Daisy "careless people"?

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**Post Reading**

1. What is the “American Dream?”
2. Choose one symbol or motif from the novel and explain it using *How to Read Literature Like a Professor* as a resource. Be sure to give page numbers from both books.

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